

First Congregational Messenger
 First Congregational United Church of Christ
 Norfolk, NE

Serving God with love and faith



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WEDNESDAY

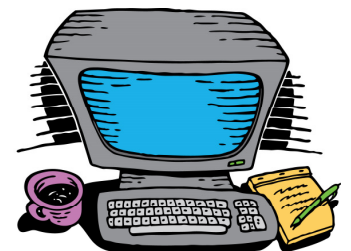
March 1, 2017, 6:00pm
Ash Wednesday Service
 with Ashes & Communion
 Simple soup supper to follow at 6:45pm
*A joint service with Trinity Episcopal,
 First Presbyterian, and First Congrega-
 tional UCC Churches*
 at First Congregational UCC, 1102 W.
 Norfolk Avenue

February 2017

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We need soup and bread for the Ash Wednesday service. If you would like to help furnish either one, please contact the office. Plan to serve about 60 people.



Church Secretary

Monday-Thursday 10-4
 Other times by appointment
 May be out of the office for meetings or visits



**Pastor's
 Office Hours**

Office Hours
 Monday-Friday
 8-12
 Monday and Wednesday
 1-3

Serving Behind the Scenes

Worship, Faith Development, Mission, and Support Teams, as well as our smaller action teams, have people working behind the scenes serving God in love and faith.

Unity Council functions to do the business of the church with input from the ministry teams and the officers of the church.

The Worship Team works behind the scenes to prepare for worship. The tasks are spread out over the year and shared by five people. Two of our Worship Team members have moved (permanently or for much of the year) and so we are seeking new members for Worship Team. Would you share your time and talents on Worship Team this year? If you'd like to learn more, please contact Karen Allyn.

- Assist the pastor with worship as requested
- Oversite for organist and pulpit supply for weekly services and special services; Pastor currently arranges for guest preachers and pastoral emergency coverage while away, the Office Secretary does much of the arranging for the organist/pianist.
- Oversite of Communion Action Team - (Vicki Staab)
- Change paraments for church seasons
- Plan team budget for the church year
- In moves to Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary, make sure all is ready for services. Timing for a move is determined by Unity Council (in consult with the Pastor).
- If needed, make arrangement for joint Ash Wednesday and Thanksgiving services
- Order flowers for mothers on Mother's Day.
- Summer work and whenever needed:
 - check hearing aids
 - check with secretary that people sign-up to serve during fellowship time
 - check pew cards in holders, pencils sharpened and in holders
 - check welcome packets at entry
 - ask volunteers to assign ushers, greeters, readers, leaders, communion servers for one year
 - training people for the above tasks
- Make special arrangements for World Communion
- Heritage Sunday (October) - order carnations for all 50yr plus members. In advance, ask Office Secretary to send letter of invitation to all 50 year+ members.
- All Saints Day (or Remembrance Day) check/set out candles
- Hanging of the Greens - request all members to help decorate church. Also announce un-decorating day (usually after Epiphany)
- Arrange Christmas Dinner events- arrange date with Faith Development
- Arrange any special needs for Christmas Eve and Easter services

Pastor Jackie



January 18 the Unity Council met at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order and Scott Williams opened with prayer.

Treasurer's report was given by Katie Gamerl. We continue to take money from the Madison County Bank account. Large expenses in December.

Faith Development reported that the youth will have a lock-in in January, the February mission project for the youth will be at the animal shelter, the Easter Egg hunt will be April 8 and Confirmation will be April 13.

Worship reported that we will have the Ash Wednesday service here with First Presbyterian and Trinity Episcopal and a soup supper

following the service.

Pastor Jackie is working on a new directory. Scott reported that he had talked with John Dawson with SEI Security about a new system for the church. Sunday, January 22nd is a congregational meeting to change the wording in the by-laws about the endowment account.

Stewardship and budget action teams will be meeting in February to prepare for the next annual meeting.

The next unity council meeting will be Thursday, February 16.

Dorothy Hull, Clerk



WELCOME FOR ALL: CONVERSATION TOPICS

Unity Council invites the congregation have conversations about:

How might our church be more accessible to people with disabilities?

Were do people with wheelchairs and walkers sit when they worship?

What have you witnessed or experienced on Sunday, funerals, etc?

How might we provide accessibility seating in the sanctuary for members and guests?

For example: "Pew cuts" (shortening certain pews to allow space for wheelchairs) or remove certain pews.

How have you seen this done in other church sanctuaries?



Susan Surber brought tea and cake for the January book about China.



February's book visits Columbia and talks about mobile libraries like our bookmobiles.

Around the World Bookclub

2ND Wednesday of each month

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Unity Room
Learn about 12 Countries of our world
thru children's books.

- January - China ... Year of the Panda, Miriam Schlein
- February - Columbia.. Waiting for Biblioburro, Monica Brown
- March - Africa.... Anna Hibiscus, Atinuke
- April - Netherlands.. Boxes for Katje, Candace Fleming
- May - Japan. Peace Tree from Hiroshima, Sandra Moore
- June - India Sona & the Wedding Game, Kashmira Sheth
- July - Sweden Children of Neisy Village, Astrid Lindgren
- August - Haiti Hope for Haiti, Jesse Joshua Watson
- September - Australia.. Pumpkin Runner. Australia
- October - Vietnam.. Grandfather's Dream, Vietnam
- November - France . . Family Under the Bridge, Natalie Savage Carlson
- December - Mexico.. Too Many Tamales, Gary Soto

February Youth Outreach

The youth are collecting items in the month of February for the Animal Shelter. The youth plan to take the items to the shelter and volunteer Sunday, February 26, from 2pm-4pm. The Animal Shelter has a variety of needs for the animals and the human volunteers who care for the animals.



ANIMAL SHELTER
of northeast nebraska

List of Needs:

Bleach
Laundry detergent
Toilet paper & Kleenex
Copy paper
Bottled water for volunteers

Iams Kitten Chow (dry kitten food)
Purina Kitten Chow (dry kitten food)
Latex gloves (size Med and Lg)
Cotton balls
Rubbing Alcohol
Gauze



We would like to thank the members of OUR church for all the phone calls, visits, cards, assistance and loving care during this year of hospital stays, home bound times and through the year. Special thanks to Pastor Jackie for her visits and for bringing communion to us. When asked what of Norfolk we would miss the most-without hesitation we said "OUR CHURCH." We love you all and wish the best to you.

Dale and Phyllis Ames, 14325 Eagle Run Dr. Apt 504,
Omaha, NE 68164

Thank you to everyone who donated hats, gloves, mittens & scarves to decorate this year's Mission Tree. All the items were added to the Girl Scout collection and donated to the local Good Neighbors. Your kindness will help many people in our community.
Faith Development Ministry



Birthday Blessings

4th	Suzan Podliska
	Paige Lee
5th	Tim Ernst
15th	Barb Koenig
17th	Garrett Korthals
18th	Bonnie Dewell
27th	Mike Synovec
28th	McKenna Waterbury

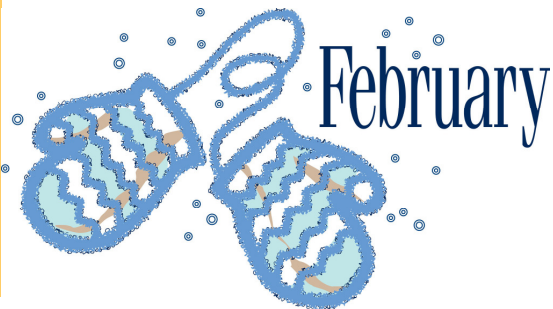
Fellowship Work Committee

February

Sue Podliska Teresa Ellwood Barb Ebsen Alta Crandall

March

Rita Woodard Bonnie Dewell



March 1 Ash Wednesday

Ushers: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

Greeters: Gene and Darlene Korthals

Reader: Kay Neuharth

March 5

Communion: Jeff and Evonne Burkink, Vicki Staab and Ed Lindsay

Ushers: Scott and Lori Williams

Greeters: Garrett Korthals and Mike Synovec

Reader: Vicki Staab

Leader: Stan Staab

Flowers: Scott and Lori Williams

March 12

Ushers: Rita Woodard and Barb Koenig

Greeters: Ed Lindsay and Verletta Olson

Reader: Stan Staab

Flowers:

March 19

Ushers: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

Greeters: Suzan Podliska and Rita Woodard

Reader: Randy Neuharth

Flowers:

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Flowers: Tim Ernst

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Flowers:

February 26

Ushers: Stan Staab and Mike Synovec

Greeters: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Reader: Karen Allyn

Flowers:

From 1/1/17 through 1/31/17

This does not include the deposit for 1-29-17

Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ 623.93
Scholarship	\$ 1,500.00
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 15,393.45</u>
Subtotal	\$ 17,517.38
Salary	--\$ 6,215.61
Church Maintenance	—\$ 2,231.37
Office Expenses	—\$ 437.97
Scholarships	—\$ 1,500.00
Christmas dinner	—\$ 21.47
Substitute Organist	—\$ 195.00
Worship Ministry	—\$ 147.80
Faith Development	—\$ 152.87
<u>OCWM, Christmas fund</u>	<u>—\$ 445.00</u>
Final Balance	\$ 6,170.29



TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 GS 7-8	2 GS 6-7:15	3 7 Card Group Girl Scout overnight	4
5 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	6 GS 5:30-6:30	7 GS 6:30-7:30	8 Book Club 10- 11 GS 5-6	9	10 1 PM Fellow- ship Hall 7 Card Group	11
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	13 GS 6:30-7:30	14 GS 6:30-7:30	15 GS 7-8	16 7 PM Unity Council GS 6-7:15	17	18
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 1-6 PM Girl Scouts	20 GS 5:30-6:30	21 GS 6:30-7:30	22 GS 5-6	23	24	25
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9:00 AM Sunday School Sept-May

10:15 AM Worship Service